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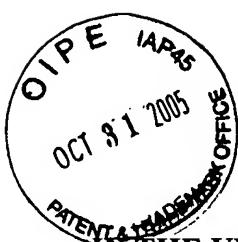
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement mailed September 30, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application and is filed prior to the expiration of the one (1) month period for response set therein. In view of general description of the species requirement, Applicant has interpreted this as meaning that there are different species of supporting sleeves. Such are shown in isolation in Figs. 1a-4.

In response, Applicant elects the supporting sleeve of Species B, Figs. 2a, 2b. Figures 5-8 show uses of the supporting sleeve and are not believed to be different species. Accordingly, Applicants assert that claims 1-6 and 10 are readable as the elected species.

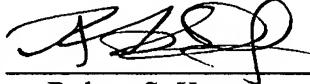
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